

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO*

EXCERPTS FROM OUR STATE MEDICAL JOURNAL

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From some editorial notes:

San Jose Meeting.—"The San Jose meeting of the State Society, now a thing of the past, was a distinct success." . . . The president, Doctor Beckett, enforced the rule limiting authors and speakers to ten and five minutes, respectively, and once more it was demonstrated to be a very wise rule. The newly elected president, Dr. James H. Parkinson of Sacramento, is known to most of our members and will undoubtedly guide the society with a sure and a wise head during the coming year. The next meeting will be held at Sacramento, the third week in April, 1910. . . .

Why These Assaults?—In the last legislature were introduced a number of bills affecting the status of those who desire to treat the sick. The naturopaths wanted a law creating a board of examiners in naturopathy; the chiropractics wanted a similar board for their peculiar cult, whatever it may be; there were two bills creating entirely new and original laws to regulate the practice of medicine and of osteopathy, and two more which at the beginning of things merely amended the present law and created reciprocity. . . .

Case in Point.—The legislature amended the present law and compelled the board to endorse certificates from the "Board of Naturopathic Examiners" which had been issued prior to the passage of the amendment. . . . Here is the case of a man who was graduated from some medical school, tried to pass the examination and obtain a license to practice medicine and failed. He joins the naturopaths, possibly after a few weeks' reading, and is subsequently licensed, by the manner described, to practice that cult. He comes into court, shows that he has a degree of M. D. (the court knows not one school from another) and says that he is being "persecuted" because he is a better man than the regular society physicians! . . .

Another Reason.—Another reason for the attacks upon medical standards—and "medical standards" might be written *safeguards against ignorance and quackery*—is one that brings to our own threshold a certain amount of shame; the complete lack of confidence in our profession caused by the eternal differences and squabbles among medical men themselves. . . .

Notable Banquet.—On March 31 a most remarkable thing occurred; the citizens of San Francisco tendered a banquet to a physician and presented him with a magnificent watch. A year and a half ago the same citizens were ready to mob anyone who suggested that there was any necessity for calling upon Doctor Blue or anyone else to fight plague, for the reason that, in their almighty opinion, no plague existed in San Francisco. But all things change; and so did the opinion of these distinguished citizens—including the mayor. . . .

From an article on "Report of President to the House of Delegates" by W. W. Beckett, M. D.

. . . It should be the object of this Association to promote concord and fraternity, unity and strength, the advancement of our knowledge, the protection of

* This column strives to mirror the work and aims of colleagues who bore the brunt of society work some twenty-five years ago. It is hoped that such presentation will be of interest to both old and new members.

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BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA*

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Secretary-Treasurer

Results of Board of Medical Examiners' Examination, Los Angeles, February 27 to March 1, 1934.—The examination covered nine subjects and included ninety questions for physician and surgeon applicants. An average of 75 per cent is required to pass. Sixty-four graduates of medical schools wrote the examination, including several from foreign countries.

The highest mark (91 5/9 per cent) was made by James Willis Callaway, Tomahawk, Wisconsin, a graduate of Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago, Illinois, December 27, 1932.

Fifty-six applicants passed, and eight failed.

The following institutions were represented:

PASSED		
College	Year of Graduation	Per Cent
College of Medical Evangelists.....	1933	86 5/9, 84 6/9
	84 3/9, 86 8/9, 84, 88 3/9	
Columbia University of Physicians and Surgeons	1933	89 4/9
Cornell	1933	88 6/9
Creighton	1933	78 4/9, 86 4/9
Friedrich Wilhelm University of Berlin, Germany	1924	73 6/9
8 per cent year's practice equals		81 6/9
George Washington University	1930	86 5/9
	1933	86 1/9, 87 7/9
Indiana University	1931	82
Jefferson	1933	90 2/9
Marquette	1933	87 1/9
McGill University Faculty of Medicine, Canada	1932	82
	1933	85, 88
Medical College of the State of South Carolina	1933	86 8/9
Meharry	1932	85 3/9
Northwestern	1932	91 5/9, 86 8/9
	1933	88 4/9
Ohio University	1933	87 1/9
Rush	1933	84 2/9, 88 5/9
Silesian Friedrich Wilhelm University of Breslau, Germany	1926	76 3/9
Temple University	1932	85 4/9
University of Arkansas	1933	84 1/9
University of Berlin, Germany	1925	82 4/9
University of California	1932	87 4/9
	1933	86 4/9
University of Cincinnati	1933	86 2/9
University of Colorado	1933	82 8/9
University of Illinois	1933	89 6/9
	1934	80 3/9
University of Iowa	1933	81 7/9, 83
University of Kansas	1933	86 4/9
University of Michigan	1932	86 3/9
University of Minnesota	1933	87 8/9, 91 2/9
University of Nebraska	1933	81
University of Oregon	1933	84 5/9, 83 5/9
	90 1/9, 85 1/9	89 5/9, 85 4/9
University of Toronto, Canada	1906	80 1/9
University of Wisconsin	1933	85 1/9
Washington University	1933	88 7/9, 87 5/9
		85 8/9

FAILED		
College	Year of Graduation	Per Cent
American Medical Missionary College.....	1902	63
Hahnemann Medical College of Philadelphia	1902	57 2/9
Loyola	1915	65 3/9
University of Frankfurt, Germany	1926	52 8/9
University of Frankfurt on Main, Germany	1927	69 4/9
University of Illinois	1931	71 5/9
University of St. Thomas Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, Manila, P. I.	1924	68 5/9
University of Strasbourg, Germany.....	1900	57 7/9

LICENTIATES

Hermann Abraham, Los Angeles, University of Berlin, Germany.
 Thomas Edward Albers, San Francisco, Creighton University School of Medicine, Nebraska.
 William Keller Beare, San Francisco, Washington University School of Medicine, Missouri.

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